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SUBJECT: ALLIED POLICIES ON OFFICIAL VISITS TO BALTIC
STATES

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY ON
TRAVEL TO BALTICS AS SET FORTH IN CA-4777 OF OCTOBER 19,
1971:

U.S. DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE INCORPORATION OF ESTONIA,
LATVIA, AND LITHUANIA INTO THE USSR. U.S. AMBASSADOR DOES
NOT TRAVEL TO BALTIC STATES, BUT OFFICERS OF EMBASSY
MOSCOW AND CONGEN LENINGRAD (WHOSE CONSULAR DISTRICT
INCLUDES BALTIC CAPITALS OF TALLINN, RIGA, AND VILNIUS)
DO TRAVEL REGULARLY TO BALTICS. EMBASSY AND CONGEN OFFI-
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CERS VISITING BALTIC STATES CALL ON LOCAL OFFICIALS BUT
NORMALLY DO NOT DEAL WITH A) CHAIRMEN, DEPUTY CHAIRMEN,
MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCILS OF MINISTERS, B) CHAIR-
MEN AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDIUMS OF THE SUPREME SOVIETS
AND C) CHAIRMEN OF THE SUPREME SOVIETS.

2. EMBASSY MOSCOW AND CONGEN LENINGRAD MAY WISH TO COMMENT

ON U.S. EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICES IN THIS REGARD AS CONTRI-
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